of Migration Package in respect of UP-East Circle furnished by M/s Koshika on 30.11.1999, a modified offer of migration to revenue sharing regime was given to them on 17.4.2000 which was again accepted unconditionally by them on 25.4.2000. Offer of restoration of the three terminated licenses along with simultaneous migration to revenue sharing regime was also unconditionally accepted by M/s Koshika on 25.4.2000. In pursuance of the accepted conditions of the migration package, M/s Koshika withdrew litigations started by them in Delhi High Court and paid an amount of Rs. 101 Crores between 2.5.2000 to 21.9.2000. However, the company disputed the dues claimed by the Government and made various representations. M/s Koshika were reminded from time to time and lastly on 19.9.2001, for payment of license fee dues failing which the license was to be terminated. Thereafter, M/s Koshika started litigation in Delhi High Court afresh and were granted stay on termination of UP-East license on 24.9.2001.M/s Koshika also filed four Arbitration Applications and raised dispute on the demand of license fee dues and requested for appointment of an Arbitrator in terms of arbitration clause in the license agreement. Finally, when the Stay on termination from the Court was no longer in operation, the licence for UP-East was terminated on 30.9.2002.

As regards wireless charges, omptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in the said Report has ponted out arrears of 83.41 lakhs for recovery from 10 users. All these cases pertain to State Government Departments out of which one case is for non-renewal of Licence and the remaining 9 cases are for not obtaining operating Licence against "agreement in principle" issued from this Ministry. In 6 of these cases *Ex-post-facto* Operating Licences have been issued. Actual amount of arreas calculated by this Ministry is Rs.52.85 lakhs, instead of Rs. 83.41 lakhs, out of which amount of Rs. 11.62 lakhs, have been realized. Efforts are on to realize the remaining amount in due course.

Tele-density in India

2239. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tele-density in the country is growing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof both rural and Urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The overall tele-density in India is growing. The overall tele-density in Rural and Urban areas as on 31.3.2002 is 1.09 and 12.94 respectively.

Property return by District Manager

†2240. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is mandatory for all the officers to submit the details of their property to the department at the end of the year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the District Managers of Mainpuri have not furnished their details for the last several years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received any complaints of illegal acquisition of property; and

(d) what action is being taken against these officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Telecom District of Mainpuri was upgraded to the level of Telecom District Manager (TDM) in July 1999. All the TDMs in position since then, have submitted their Annual Property Returns.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Appropriate action will be taken after investigation.

Surrender of Telephones in Mainpuri

†2241. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints requesting for surrendering telephone by all the subscribers on 21st October, 2002 in

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.